When their reports are received, the matter will be considered.

115. Desirability of registering lands within reserved forests fit for paddy cultivation in the names of ryots.

Mr. Ousep Curiya Aippu (*Muvattupuzha*), *Mr. Padmanabhan P arameswaran and Mr. Narayanan Velayudhan* (*Pathanapuram*), *and Mr. N Padmanabha pillai and Mr. K. Kochu Thomman* (*Chengannur*) brought forward this subject and requested that some relief might be given in the direction prayed for.

Reply.—When the settlement of reserves is completed, it is intended to allow some lands to the ryots for purposes of cultivation. After ascertaining the area and position of such lands, applications will be invited for cultivating the same.

116. Desirability of excluding registered holdings and dwelling houses from reserves.

Mr. Agasti Agasti (*Todupuzha*) in whose name this subject stood was not present in the Assembly when called. Nevertheless, the subject was taken up.

Reply.—Registered but unoccupied holdings have in a few cases been included within reserves by mistake. But where dwelling houses and occupied holdings have been included, it is the intention of Government to acquire them from the owners. The question of dealing with lands within reserves for which pattahs have been issued has already engaged the attention of Government. A plan has been prepared by the Conservator showing the cultivated areas and he has also undertaken the preparation of taluk maps showing the reserved tracts. The matter is thus under consideration.

117. Desirability of excluding from reserved forests all lands within a radius of four miles irom dwelling houses.

Mr. N. Krishnan Unnithan (*Kunnattur*) *and Mr. R. Narayana Iyer and Mr. Kanakku Parameswaran Krishnan* (*Kottarakara*) suggested that all lands within a radius of 4 miles from dwelling houses might be excluded from reserves, as lands were being continually taken up and houses built close to reserved forests and the day would soon come when these occupants might ask for the removal of reserves further back for their convenience.

Reply.—The Conservator of Forests remarks that it would be

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